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Why?

Why do you think giraffes have long necks?

Giraffes eat leaves. Their long necks help them reach leaves growing high in trees.



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SORTING

What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one
difference.

Find two
differences.

Find three
differences.

That's Cool!

Meet the walrus.

Walruses live in the ocean in the far north, where it is usually very cold.

A walrus has two long teeth called tusks.

It uses its tusks to help pull itself out of the water onto floating ice.

NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_IRD



_LOWERS



_AR



_EAPOT



_AMERA



_ALLOONS



_EA STAR



_MBRELLA



_ELMET

NAME SOME OTHER **BLUE** THINGS.

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WHITE FOX of the North



Arctic foxes live where winters are long and cold. Their thick, white coats of fur keep them warm and safe.

White fur helps the
arctic fox blend in with
the snow so that enemies
have a hard time seeing it.



An arctic fox
digs to catch
small animals
that scurry
underneath
ice and snow.



When an arctic
fox curls up for
a nap, it uses its
fluffy, long tail
to cover its face
like a blanket.



As winter ends, the fox's white coat disappears. Brown fur grows in its place. By the time spring and summer arrive, baby foxes are born.



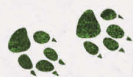
BABY FOXES

MATCHING

ANIMAL TRACKS

Follow the four paths to match the animals with their footprints.

1



2



3



4



How many arctic foxes can you count in this picture?

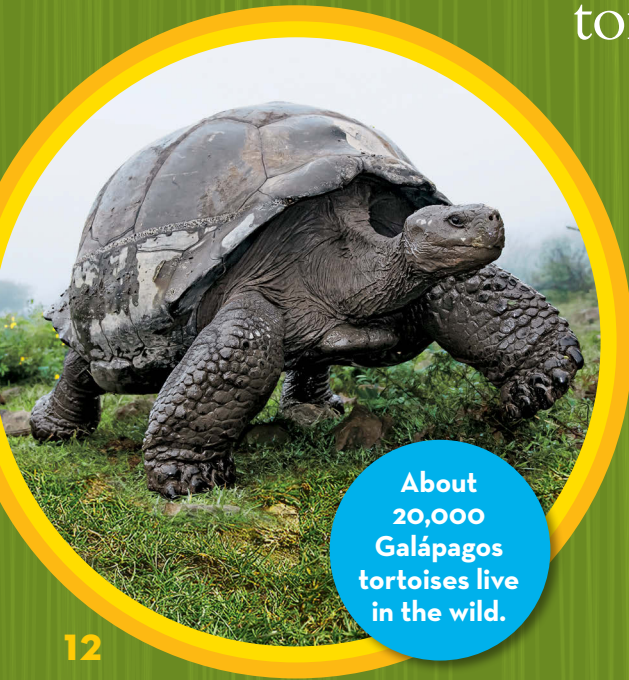




GIANT TORTOISE

The Galápagos giant tortoise is huge.

It is so big that you could lie across an adult's shell on your tummy and not touch the ground.



About
20,000
Galápagos
tortoises live
in the wild.


These tortoises can live to be more than 100 years old.

100-YEAR-OLD

The oldest Galápagos tortoise may have lived to be over 170 years old.

These giant tortoises live on islands called the Galápagos.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD



A tortoise
sleeps up to
16 hours
every day.

A Galápagos
tortoise can
live for a year
without eating
or drinking.



The tortoises
move around
slowly on their
four big legs. They
eat grass, leaves,
and cactuses.

Other TORTOISES



SPIDER TORTOISE



PLOUGHSHARE TORTOISE

There are many different kinds of tortoises. Here are just a few.



GEOMETRIC TORTOISE



RADIATED TORTOISE

Look!

Look at the pictures below. Find the same objects in the photo at right. Circle them with your finger.



For more fun, find all the **trees**.
Then find all the **penguins**.
Which objects are **brown**?



A GECKO GROWS



1
A gecko is a kind of lizard. Sometimes an enemy grabs a gecko's tail. The tail falls off, and the gecko can run away.



A NEW TAIL



2

It does not hurt the gecko when its tail falls off. The gecko's tail begins to grow back.



3

Soon the gecko's new tail will look as good as its old tail!

Can you think of other animals that have tails?

EXPLORING MARS

Mars is a planet. Sometimes you can see Mars in the night sky. It is very far away.

Mars is one of eight planets that travels around the sun.



Curiosity landed on Mars in 2012.



Scientists sent a robot called a rover to Mars. The rover is named Curiosity.

Curiosity is exploring Mars. It sends messages back to Earth about rocks and other things it finds on Mars.



It takes
about eight
months for a
spaceship to
travel from
Earth to
Mars.

FROM THE
PAGES OF





← JACK

looks out the



. It's

snowing! He puts on his



and



. Jack grabs his



He slides down a hill. His



chases after him. Jack builds a



Day!



He puts a on its head.

Brr, it's cold. Jack and his dog

go inside. Time

for



**What do you like to
do when it snows?**

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harp seal

harp seal

FUN FACTS

Harp seal babies like this one are called pups. Harp seal pups are born with yellow fur. Their fur turns white after a few days.



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red-necked pademelon

red-necked pademelon

FUN FACTS

This kind of pademelon lives in the forests of Australia. It carries its baby in a pouch like a kangaroo. Pademelons eat grass, leaves, fruit, and bark.



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spotted porcupine fish

spotted porcupine fish

FUN FACTS

Porcupine fish have sharp points called spines on their bodies. A porcupine fish puffs up like a balloon and sticks out its spines so enemies won't eat it.



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European bee-eater

European bee-eater

FUN FACTS

These birds eat bees and other insects. Bee-eaters dig burrows, or holes, and build their nests inside. Both parents take care of the babies, called chicks.



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jaguar

jaguar

FUN FACTS

Jaguars have spots that help them hide in the forest. They use their strong jaws to catch the animals they hunt.



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European mouflon

European mouflon

FUN FACTS

A mouflon is a kind of sheep. Male mouflons, called rams, have big, curved horns. Mouflons grow thick, warm coats in the winter.



OBSERVATION

Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the mountain hare in this picture?



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